

The Big6™ Skills

The Big6 is a process model of how people of all ages solve an information problem.

1 task definition	1. Task Definition 1.1 Define the information problem 1.2 Identify information needed (to solve the information problem) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What is my current task?○ What are some topics or questions I need to answer?○ What information will I need?
2 information seeking strategies	2. Information Seeking Strategies 2.1 Determine all possible sources (brainstorm) 2.2 Select the best sources <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What are all the possible sources to check?○ What are the best sources of information for this task?
3 location and access	3. Location and Access 3.1 Locate sources (intellectually and physically) 3.2 Find information within sources <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Where can I find these sources?○ Where can I find the information in the source?
4 use of information	4. Use of Information 4.1 Engage (e.g., read, hear, view, touch) 4.2 Extract relevant information <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What information do I expect to find in this source?○ What information from the source is useful?
5 synthesis	5. Synthesis 5.1 Organize from multiple sources 5.2 Present the information <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How will I organize my information?○ How should I present my information?
6 evaluation	6. Evaluation 6.1 Judge the product (effectiveness) 6.2 Judge the process (efficiency) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Did I do what was required?○ Did I complete each of the Big6 Stages efficiently?